

**City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
City Hall Council Chambers
205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
Regular Session Agenda
April 18, 2023 3:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the ADA Advisory Council will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers for the following purpose:

Members of the public may attend this meeting at City Hall. Members of the public may also observe the meeting on Zoom. Members of the public may comment on agenda items at the meeting or remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID #240 814 5807. When an agenda item you wish to comment on is discussed, press *9 on your phone to virtually raise your hand. Press *6 to un-mute yourself to speak when the last four digits of your phone number or your name is called. Comments will also be accepted via email at hinfo@madera.gov or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

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Telephone Number: (669) 900-6833
Meeting ID 240 814 5807

Roll Call

DJ Becker-Chairperson
Cynthia Ortégón- Vice Chairperson
Jack Porter
Diana Robbins
Saim Mohammad
Gladys Marroquin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Advisory Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked, but not required, to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Chairperson has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 21, 2023

2. Follow-up correspondence regarding the informational report on plans to increase inventory of affordable housing units for older adults and adults with disabilities by Renee Wright, Executive Director, City of Madera Housing Authority
3. CDBG Project List for Sidewalk Improvements
4. Discussion of remaining budgeted funds in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for use by the ADA Advisory Council - Wendy Silva
5. Advisory Council Reports/Announcements/Requests for Future Agenda Items.

This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Advisory Council members (1) to make brief reports on attendance at other boards, committees, public agencies, and/or public events, (2) to request updates, (3) to initiate future agenda items.

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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- Regular meetings of the Madera ADA Advisory Council are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to participate in-person or via Zoom.
- The complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the Human Resources Department at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting Human Resources at (559) 661-5401 or by email at hrinfo@madera.gov.
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I, Jenavie Martin, HR Technician II for the City of Madera, declare under penalty of perjury that I posted the above Madera ADA Advisory Council Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023, near the front entrances of City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2023.



Jenavie Martin, HR Technician II

4/13/2023

Date

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

City of Madera ADA Advisory Council
 City Hall Council Chambers
 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 March 21, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Madera ADA Advisory Council was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was also available to members of the public by Zoom video conferencing.

ROLL CALL:

Advisory Councilmember Name	Present
DJ Becker, Chairperson	Y
Jack Porter	Y
Cynthia Ortegón	Y
Muhammad Latif	N
Diana Robbins	Y
Gladys Marroquin	Y
Saim Mohammad	Y
City Staff Present	
Wendy Silva, Director of Human Resources	
Jenavie Martin, Human Resources Technician II	

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Donabed, Community Organizer at Resources for Independence Central Valley.

Chairperson DJ Becker called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Public Comment:

Rebecca Donabed from Resources for Independence Central Valley greeted the committee.

Business Matters

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 21, 2023. Councilmember Saim Mohammad moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilmember Diana Robbins. All council members voted yes to approve the minutes.
2. Informational report on plans to increase inventory of affordable housing units for older adults and adults with disabilities by Renee Wright, Executive Director, City of Madera Housing Authority- Wendy Silva read a report written by Renee Wright as she was unable to attend the meeting due to an existing commitment. The report mentioned the City of Madera Housing Authority currently houses 284 seniors in its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. They have a total of 17 in their USDA program. Their goal is to house individuals and families who struggle to obtain and maintain affordable housing. The City of Madera Housing Authority has also signed on to be a strong supporter of Senator Anna Caballero’s 2023 Senate Bill 37, which will establish

housing for older adults and adults with disabilities. The limited housing stock in Madera presents a major issue and delays. The Housing Authority has elected to find a separate solution to this problem. They started a new non-profit called Madera Affordable Housing Corporation which will allow the Housing Authority to develop more affordable housing throughout the community and establish different targeted income basis. This will allow more assistance for the senior community and a lot more in the next 12 months to come. Chairperson Becker asked where the 284 seniors are being housed. Vice Chairperson Ortegón asked if the 284 seniors include Section 8 vouchers. The inquiries will be forwarded to Ms. Wright.

3. Review of ADA Advisory Council Duties and Responsibilities as found in the Bylaws and discussion of Advisory Council priorities and focus – Vice Chairperson Cynthia Ortegón. Vice Chairperson Ortegón stressed that it is the ADA's duty to advocate for Madera. The ADA raises awareness and areas of concern. The promotion of inclusion of the disabled community in the City's emergency and disaster preparedness plan is very high on Chairperson Becker's list. That said, she expressed her support in spreading more awareness via Facebook campaigns. It was mentioned that promotions typically occur in October, disability awareness month. Rebecca Donabed commented and clarified March is disability awareness month and October is disability awareness in employment month. Chairperson Becker said the ADA Council should promote that on Facebook next year. Councilmember Mohammad expressed his support for developing disability awareness and educational outreach programs. Councilmember Mohammad has firsthand parking enforcement experience at his local mosque and has had to ask vehicles without placards to park elsewhere. Chairperson Becker said placard abuse is something they are working on with the Police Department.
4. Informational report on Senate Bill 37: Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act (2023-24). The City received a request for a letter of support for SB 37 which was put on the City Council agenda. The letter was signed off by the Mayor and sent to Sacramento. SB 37 would provide housing subsidies for people aged 50 and older who have a disability. If the individual is homeless or has a high potential to be homeless, they would receive a subsidy to cover the difference between 30% of their income and the reasonable rent for the unit. Of the funds to be allocated, 5% will be used to administer the program. At least 30% of monies appropriated will be awarded to grantees housing the homeless. Chairperson Becker said they welcome all efforts, but this is already covered under Section 8. The real issue is the availability of housing. Vice Chairperson Ortegón said there are 3,000 people on a waiting list to get affordable housing through Section 8 in Madera. It is extremely difficult for individuals to get housing especially with the shortage housing.
5. Advisory Council Reports/Announcements/Requests for Future Agenda Items

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Vice chairperson Ortegón said she looked at the 2010 plan and back then, the City had 313 curb cuts that needed to be replaced, designed, or installed. The City also had 234 areas in the public sidewalk that needed to be replaced, repaired, or installed. When the information is available, Vice Chairperson Ortegón would like to compare the 2010 data to the 2021 data. Wendy said more sidewalk repairs will be made because of the \$500,000 CDBG grant the

City was awarded. The CDBG award was there, but the City had to go through a procurement process. At the last City Council meeting, bids were rejected; now the City can make repairs. Chairperson Becker asked if there is a map Public Works can produce which notes the plan projects throughout the City. Additionally, Chairperson Becker requested an update as to how and where the \$500,000 CDBG award is being allocated. Both Chairperson Becker and Vice Chairperson Ortegón said the ADA has a contact at Caltrans with the ADA Coordinator, Victor Aldama. The ADA can report deficiencies and necessary repairs to Victor Aldama. Chairperson Becker also mentioned any repairs should be reported to Public Works.

Councilmember Mohammad commented and said the priority of Senate Bill 37 is to reduce homelessness in California. Vice Chairperson Ortegón said she rented a room in her house under Section 8 and her home was inspected every year. The ADA would like to spread awareness of this possibility. Wendy advised the ADA Council that SB 37 as written allows funding to be used for public outreach for landlords to participate.

Vice Chairperson Ortegón suggested the ADA ask the Council to shift liability of sidewalk repairs to the City rather than homeowners. DJ said we could put this on a future agenda for discussion and vote to write a letter to the City Council to take responsibility for sidewalk repairs at least for seniors or low-income families in Madera. This item may be mitigated by the CDBG sidewalk projects and findings and improvements made from the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Chairperson Becker welcomed back Councilmember Jack Porter. She also said they would send a card to Mr. Latif to extend their condolences and wish him a speedy recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted,

Jenavie Martin
HR Technician II

DJ Becker
Chairperson

Date: 3/21/2023

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